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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8485

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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FRANKFURT FOR FRDCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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1. WAGE INCREASES PROVIDED UNDER CONTRALIZED AGREEMENT
REACHED A MONTH AGO (REFTL) CAME INTO EFFECT APRIL 1 ON
SCHEDULE, EXCEPT FOR SOME ECONOMIC SECTORS (E.G. BANKS,
STORES AND HOTELS) WHERE NEW CONTRACTS BETWEEN COMPETENT
TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED.
PROMULGATION OF IMPORT SURCHARGE MARCH 12 AND REPLACEMENT OF
SURCHARGE BY IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME MARCH 26 HAS NOT AFFECTED
CENTRALIZED WAGE AGREEMENT AND EXISTING CONTRACTS.

2. STRIKE THREATS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY EMPLOYEE GROUPS
IN PRIVATE COMPUTER CENTERS AND FINNAIR MAINTENANCE SHOPS.
LATTER WORKERS WERE NOT COVERED BY CENTRALIZED AGREEMENT.
IF THEY STRIKE APRIL 8 AS THEY HAVE THREATENED, FINNAIR'S
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PLANNED DC-10 INAUGURAL FLIGHT APRIL 10 WILL BE

IN JEOPARDY, AND REROUTING WILL BE NEEDED FOR COURIERS
AND SOME POUCHES TO AND FROM HELSINKI.

3. BASIC WAGES FOR THOSE COVERED BY CENTRALIZED AGREEMENT
INCREASED APRIL 1 FOR HIGHER PAID PERSONNEL BY AMOUNTS
RANGING UPWARDS FROM 5.2 PERCENT WHILE MINIMUM WAGE
INCREASED OVER 28 PERCENT. FRINGE BENEFITS ALSO INCREASED.

4. EMB COMPLETING WAGE SURVEY AND WILL POUCH DEPARTMENT
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